

Today, I joined with Congressmen Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Pete Hoekstra (R-MI) to introduce the Afghanistan – Pakistan Security and Prosperity Enhancement Act. This legislation will create Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs) in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where non-trade sensitive exports would be permitted to enter the United States duty-free. This is an important step in the fight against al-Qaeda and the Taliban. By creating jobs and alternatives to heroin production, we can boost the economic development of these countries and help protect our national security.

Paul Jones, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Pakistan Ambassador Husain Haqqani, and Afghanistan Ambassador Said T. Jawad were present for the unveiling as well.

